



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 895

LCO No. 2911

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR ENGAGING A POLICE OFFICER IN VEHICULAR PURSUIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-223 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) Whenever the operator of any motor vehicle fails promptly to
4 bring his or her motor vehicle to a full stop upon the signal of any
5 officer in uniform or prominently displaying the badge of [his] such
6 officer's office, or disobeys the direction of such officer with relation to
7 the operation of [his] such motor vehicle, [he] the operator shall be
8 deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined fifty dollars.

9 (b) No person operating a motor vehicle, when signaled to stop by
10 an officer in a police vehicle using an audible signal device or flashing
11 or revolving lights, shall increase the speed of the motor vehicle in an
12 attempt to escape or elude such police officer. Any person who violates
13 this subsection shall be guilty of a class [A misdemeanor] D felony,
14 except that, if such violation causes the death or serious physical
15 injury, as defined in section 53a-3, of another person, such person shall

16 be guilty of a class C felony, and shall have such person's motor
 17 vehicle operator's license suspended for one year for the first offense,
 18 except that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, after a hearing,
 19 as provided for in subsection (k) of section 14-111, and upon a showing
 20 of compelling mitigating circumstances, reinstate such person's license
 21 before the expiration of such one-year period. For any subsequent
 22 offense such person shall be guilty of a class C felony, except that if
 23 any prior offense by such person under this subsection caused, and
 24 such subsequent offense causes, the death or serious physical injury, as
 25 defined in section 53a-3, of another person, such person shall be guilty
 26 of a class C felony for which one year of the sentence imposed may not
 27 be suspended or reduced by the court, and shall have such person's
 28 motor vehicle operator's license suspended for not less than eighteen
 29 months nor more than two years, except that said commissioner may,
 30 after a hearing, as provided for in subsection (k) of section 14-111, and
 31 upon a showing of compelling mitigating circumstances, reinstate such
 32 person's license before such period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	14-223
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the penalty for a person who engages a police officer in a vehicular pursuit from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]